

**DEPARTMENT OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES
DIVISION OF CHILD MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
ROUTINE OUTPATIENT SERVICES**

EPSDT/DCMHS SCREENING FORM

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

This screen determines clinical eligibility for outpatient mental health and substance abuse services.

The purpose of the DCMHS mental health screening form is early identification of emotional problems of children as well as to identify children who have been exposed to risk factors which may make them vulnerable to emotional problems.

The instrument screens for currently existing problems (existing within the last month) and conditions which may have ever existed. While only one untreated problem is required in order to obtain authorization for one year of outpatient services,, it is recommended that providers use the screen to do as complete an assessment as possible.

The EPSDT/DCMHS Screen was developed and field tested for use by paraprofessionals. Providers should follow the directions as they are listed on the form.